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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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- ~~R~~AYMOND L. COLLINS, Vice Chairman
- ~~A~~NGELA O. DEMIENTIEFF, Secretary
- ~~H~~ENRY DEACON, Member
- ~~S~~ARON GURTLE-STRICK, Member
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, I guess we get started on
the meeting, you guys want to take your seats. Okay, I call the
meeting to order. First we'll have roll call.

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7 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I can do that or the
Secretary, if he wants to.

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10 MR. COLLINS: Go ahead if you want to.

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12 MR. MATHEWS: Okay. I'll do the roll call. Harold
Huntington.

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15 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Here.

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17 MR. MATHEWS: Ray Collins.

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19 MR. COLLINS: Here.

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21 MR. MATHEWS: Pollock Simon and he's absent. Mr.
Chairman, he is involved with rebuilding the village of
Alakaket. Angela Demientieff.

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25 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Here.

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27 MR. MATHEWS: Henry Deacon.

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29 MR. DEACON: Here.

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31 MR. MATHEWS: Herman Morgan. Mr. Chairman, Herman
Morgan regrets that he can't attend this meeting due to
conflicts with other meetings and church activities. Jack
Beakoff is also absent due to being weathered out today and
unable to get a plane. And Phillip Graham called and had
conflict with the work schedule and was not able to attend.
Sharon Strick.

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39 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Here.

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41 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, you have five members
present out of nine and you do have a quorum.

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44 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Quorum has been established and
maybe we can have the Council members introduce themselves, huh?
And after the introduction of Council members maybe we'll have
the guest introduce themselves so everybody will know who's all
here.

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1 MR. COLLINS: You want to start with the Council?

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3 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah. Go ahead.

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5 MR. DEACON: Henry Deacon, Grayling. My first time on
6 the Board here.

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8 MR. COLLINS: Ray Collins, resident of McGrath.

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10 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Harold Huntington, resident of
11 Koyukuk.

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13 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Sharon Gurtler-Strick, resident of
14 McGrath, I was in Ruby.

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16 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Angela Demientieff, Holy Cross.

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18 MR. MATHEWS: I'm Vince Mathews, staff assistant,
19 filling in for the duties of Coordinator for Western Interior,
20 with the office of Subsistence Management, Fish & Wildlife
21 Service.

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23 MS. EDWARDS: I'm Terri Edwards with the office of
24 Subsistence Management.

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26 MR. WHITMAN: I'm Jack Whitman with Alaska Department
27 of Fish & Game here in McGrath.

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29 MR. MORRISON: John Morrison, Alaska Fish & Game
30 Department in Anchorage.

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32 MR. BOS: Greg Bos, with the office of Subsistence
33 Management.

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35 MR. DENTON: Jeff Denton, Bureau of Land Management,
36 Anchorage district.

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38 MR. YOKEL: Dave Yokel, BLM, Arctic district.

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40 MR. GUENTHER: Conrad Guenther, I'm with the Fish &
41 Wildlife Service, I'm your staff biologist for this district and
42 also for the Eastern Interior.

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44 MR. MERRITT: I'm Ed Merritt, I'm the manager of the
45 Enoko Wildlife Management.

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47 MS. REID: I'm Laura Reid, assistant manager of the
48 Enoko Refuge.

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1 MR. YASKA: I'm George Yaska director of Tanana Chiefs,
2 I'm working with 43 villages within our region.

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4 MR. JERUE: Carl Jerue Jr., from Anvik, I'm on the
5 Tribal Council and Tanana Chiefs (ph).

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7 COURT REPORTER: Joe Kolasinski, Court Reporter for
8 this meeting.

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10 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Thank you. Vince, any
11 announcements to make before we get started?

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13 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there's a couple of
14 announcements that we'll need to address when we look at the
15 agenda, additions and corrections. And that's in, if I may,
16 Mr. Chairman, I talked to George Yaska of Tanana Chiefs to give
17 kind of an update on the flood relief efforts for the Koyukuk
18 River villages. If you would like George would be willing to
19 explain the situation, where the villages of Alatna, Allakaket
20 and Hughes are after the impact of the flood. It's up to you.

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22 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Let's deal with the agenda first
23 and then maybe we'll do that.

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25 MR. MATHEWS: Sure, if you'd like to do that, sure.

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27 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Any additions or corrections to
28 the agenda?

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30 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, if the Council members
31 don't, I do have one addition to the agenda. The addition would
32 be the Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council have a
33 resolution on fisheries issues they wanted to share with this
34 Council and it would fit in under New Business. It's up to the
35 Council, they asked if I could bring it out here and see if it
36 could be added to the agenda.

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38 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, we can add it after Alaska
39 Department of Fish & Game, I guess, under New Business.

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41 MR. MATHEWS: And that's all I have

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43 MR. COLLINS: That's Federal agency reports.

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45 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Well, we can add it on as F, I
46 guess, huh?

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48 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Would it be added

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1 MR. MATHEWS: Are you looking under New Business?

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3 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yes.

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5 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Yes.

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7 MR. MATHEWS: We could add that -- also I've just been
8 informed of another potential agenda clarification. Under
9 Number 8, it says: Overview of Customary and Traditional
10 Determinations Process: Statewide, this report which you have
11 copies of in front of you, you may want to just note it's the
12 proposed conclusions on customary and traditional use
13 eligibility for the Upper Tanana region. And that is
14 incorporated in Number 8, but it might be worthwhile to note it
15 there.

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17 And as we talked earlier, if the person who is going to
18 present that does not make it on the plane that's coming, we may
19 want to delay that discussion until tomorrow, but we'll see if
20 they arrive on the plane in the next few minutes.

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22 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Is there any other additions?
23 Hearing none is the a move to approve the agenda?

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25 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: So moved.

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27 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: It's been moved to approve the
28 agenda.

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30 MR. COLLINS: I'll second that.

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32 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: It's been moved and seconded to
33 approve the agenda. Is there any questions? No questions, all
34 in favor of approving the agenda signify by saying aye.

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36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: All opposed same sign.

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40 (No opposing responses)

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42 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Motion approved. Going on to the
43 next thing, I guess, we'll ask George to discuss Koyukuk River
44 villages flood.

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46 MR. YASKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, my name is
47 George Yaska, I'm Director of Upper (ph) Tanana Chiefs. I'll
48 first give a short report, not having been very close, to the
49 flood relief response effort. And having just been asked a
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couple of hours ago, is what I was referring to, but I was a lot closer than most people here to the issue.

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4 The hunting effort was very slow during the normal hunting season and most people were simply trying to regroup their own lives in their own communities, trying to recover and trying to figure out where do we want to live and what they were going to do and they lost practically everything. There are a number of families back in Allakaket now, I think over 25 and a few individuals, everything is so different and not back to normal. The people that are there, most of them are working on the flood recovery effort in the reconstruction, so the time allowed to hunting is only on Sundays or evenings. They are working 12 to 16 hours a day, so the time allowed for normal subsistence hunting and gathering efforts are way down.

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17 A number of the communities have contributed caribou, moose, fish some. Kobuck River communities have sent over raw caribou. Moose were taken at Huslia and number of other communities and the same thing to Allakaket and Hughes. Expect everything to slowly wind down here around December 1st and people at that time, again, will have an opportunity to hunt and again participate in somewhat normal activity. Everything was definitely changed though. White fish numbers seem to be way down. I'm not exactly sure how that happened, but the catch on the Koyukuk River up around Allakaket are way down for white fish.

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29 The families moving back this winter are expected to stay only just for winter and really I think it's more of an effort to sort of normalize everyone's home for their own well being. They'll have to probably have to move out to Allakaket here just as soon as it starts getting warm again in the spring, March or April, after the diesel starts to warm and come back out of the ground and so on. Same is probably true for Hughes.

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37 The community of Hughes wasn't affected as badly as Allakaket, but the oil spills are probably just as bad as in Allakaket, so it's unclear what's going to happen next spring. The communities of Allakaket and Alatna will probably move and they're not exactly sure whether they're going to move down ever a little ways or they're going to move back towards the hills. So there's a great deal of unease around the country. I'm not sure if the harvest numbers are going to be as normal as they are in the past years, probably not, I think they'll be catching a lot more cows than they usually do, having not had the chance to hunt the bulls this fall.

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49 Beyond that, Mr. Chairman, I don't think I have much
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more. Any questions?

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3 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, has there been anything from
biologists on the impact on the wildlife in the area, the whole
valley was flooded. Were they able to move away? Like the
moose, for instance, were they

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8 MR. YASKA: I'm not prepared to answer that. I think
there has been a good deal of effort from the Division of
Subsistence. A lot of people are working down there, I don't
know what they're doing at this time.

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13 MR. DEACON: When the tribe (ph) move back, how much
population is there?

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16 MR. YASKA: Well, there's something like 60 families at
Atlakaket and many of them are in Fairbanks or in Bettles now,
some of them have moved on to Huslia. So there's about 25
families and probably about 60 to 70 people I'd say. Much of
both communities are made up of construction workers from other
communities, Huslia, Tanana, Fort Yukon and a number of crews
are headed up by H.C. Price, they're overseeing the
construction. They're several other construction companies
underneath them. Total cost is probably going to be 53 million
and I think they've lifted over two million pounds of freight
into the community, they've made about 500 sorties into
communities.

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29 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: I think -- didn't they extend the
hunt for that area, too, this fall?

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32 MR. YASKA: Yeah, I believe they have till December.
I'm not exactly sure.

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35 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, on that, we'll discuss it
later, but yes, the fall season was extended to October 5th.
There are now actions, both with the State Board of Game and the
Federal Subsistence Board to have an earlier start for their
winter season, instead of December 1 being changed to March 15th
through December 10. And that action should happen in the next
week or so on both the State and -- I know it's before the State
Board some time after November 4th, I'm not sure when the
Federal Subsistence Board is going to take it up, but it'll be
after November 2nd.

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46 MR. YASKA: And for an additional note, the water was
so high during that -- during the month of September that was
hunting was very, even if the people did have the time. Any
more questions?

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2 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Thank you, George.

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4 MR. YASKA: Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: And next on the agenda is
7 orientation for new Council members. We have a new Council
8 member here.

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10 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I can go over that it
11 would be good review for the standing members also, if you'd
12 like.

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14 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yes, go ahead.

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16 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, all of you have received
17 earlier, those that are standing members, a copy of this, Henry,
18 you have one of these in front of you. This gives you in a nice
19 organized way a lot of material that explains what the Regional
20 Advisory Council is for. I won't go through each item, but the
21 item that I do want to go through is the responsibilities of the
22 Regional Council members and a little bit of Title VIII, the
23 rest is there for your use.

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25 For example, Henry, the Federal Register's that relate
26 the establishment of this program are found in Tab 5, which
27 the Federal Register from May 29th, 1992. There's also one
28 there dealing with customary and traditional use eligibility
29 terminations, which is also in your other book. And there is
30 Robert's Rules of Order here to help us out in a bind. And
31 contact list.

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33 So I'll now go to the responsibilities of the Council
34 members. Also a copy of your charter is in here, but that's
35 another agenda item, so I won't address that. Okay, the
36 Council's -- and for those that don't have their book, I'll kind
37 be reading from it, for Henry it's under Tab 2, it's kind of
38 grayish sheet. The Council's will perform the following
39 duties, and I'll just kind of abbreviate this.

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41 They'll review, evaluate and make recommendations to
42 the Board, the Federal Subsistence Board on proposals,
43 regulations, policies, management plans and other matters
44 relating to subsistence taking on public lands within the
45 region. They will provide a public forum for the expression of
46 opinion and recommendations by persons interested in any matter
47 relating to subsistence uses on public lands within the regions.

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49 They will encourage local and regional participation in
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the decision making process affecting the taking of fish and wildlife for subsistence. They will prepare and submit an annual report, and I'll briefly go through that because we have it as a discussion item later, but essentially there's an annual report that is done by the Regional Advisory Councils. And in that report is to identify current and anticipated subsistence uses, an evaluation of current and anticipated subsistence needs and recommended strategy for the management of fish and wildlife populations within the region to accommodate such uses and needs. And then recommendations concerning policies, standards, guidelines and regulation to implement the strategy.

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13 The Council, which it did at its last meeting, appoints members to several Subsistence Resource Commissions that assist with the National Parks. They'll make recommendations on determinations of customary and traditional use, and that's where this purple document comes into play, and you received earlier a green covered document dealing the Kenai Peninsula customary and traditional use determination process. Develop proposals pertaining to the subsistence taking of fish and wildlife and review such proposals submitted by other resources.

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23 Henry, this meeting now is basically for the Council to solicit from the public if they have some concerns about what's regulations and if they would like to make changes. They can submit proposals directly to the Subsistence Board or they can bring them up to this section here or this Council here and the Council can review them and assist in writing them or write companion proposals to it.

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31 The next meeting, which you'll have in February, will be when you'll be getting a proposal book, which will have a series of proposals that affect statewide or your region and then you will review those and draft recommendations. The recommendations, then, -- well, let's back up. The proposals will be submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board, the Federal Subsistence staff or the Office of Subsistence Management will go through those proposals and draft up analysis looking at the biological, what is the status of the population; what is the impacts of this proposal on those populations.

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42 They'll also look at the sociocultural aspects of those proposals, which is what has gone on in the past with these species; where did people hunt; when did they hunt; and et cetera. Those analysis go back to this Council at the next meeting and then you review that along with public testimony and come up with your recommendation.

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49 That recommendation then goes before the staff
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committee, which is made up of representatives from the different Federal agencies. They then draft a recommendation which goes parallel with your recommendation to the Federal Subsistence Board. And the Federal Subsistence Board meets in April and they look at those recommendations. Your Chair or representative goes to that meeting to testify and to the expertise of his Council at that meeting. And then the Board takes action on that proposal with your recommendation and the staff's recommendation. And from there it goes into regulation and that's what the decision is.

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12 Let's see what other duties I might have forgotten here. One is you must be very helpful to your staff -- no, our staff is made up of three people who are here to serve you. There is a biologist, which already introduced himself, Conrad Genter. There is an anthropologist or social scientist, which is George, and I don't know where George is. There's George in the back waving his hand, George Sherrod. And then you'll have a coordinator, which right now that position will be announced for people to apply next month. So that is your team that you'll work with.

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23 Beyond that you can ask for other staff, Federal, to assist and you can also -- not as directly, but you can for information from State agencies, we have two, for sure, right now State representatives here and we work closely with those representatives. So that is your staff, those are your duties. There's an 800 number which is in there under one of the tabs and it's also in your book for this meeting where you can reach us, which is 1-800-478-1456. That way you can reach myself, Conrad. George, we'll have to get him some time later to address his phone number, but essentially we (sic) can reach him through one of us.

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34 And that's your staff, your duties and what you're charged to do. We will be addressing later the -- if I can find it in here, well, I don't find it quick enough, your operations manual and I may need clarification from David James on that, but my understanding is you did not finish your work on that at your last meeting. We will be looking at the regulations -- your operations manual, so, Henry, the last thing I'd like to get across to you and the other members is please call us if you have any questions concerning subsistence use in your area, please give us a call, we can assist with that. If you have difficulties with travel to this meeting or any meeting, don't be afraid to share those with us, we're going to try to make it as easy as possible.

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48 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I believe I've covered most of what the duties are, but now I need to cover why you're

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here. Why you, individually, and each one of you was selected and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and Agriculture to serve on this Council. You were selected because of your long term use, subsistence use, within in an area within this region. And your expertise and leadership with subsistence use in this region, so we would hope, and the process is designed, that what you cover here, what you do is that you will go back to your area and share that with the subsistence users and be a convoy back and forth to the subsistence users to understand that this process is here for them and it's a wide open public process. And we'd like to make sure that all of the subsistence users within the whole region have access to this process. And one way of that access is through you as regional representatives. People are sometimes more comfortable talking to someone from their area than to call up myself or someone else. So with that I will -- that's all I have Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Thank you. Maybe we can have David and them introduce themselves before we get too far along. We have four members that just came in, four staff members.

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22 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'll try to get them up ante up. We have George Sherrod in the back, which he's already raised his hand and now he stood up. And I'll let the other ones introduce themselves.

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27 MR. JAMES: I'm David James, I work for the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

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30 MR. RABINOWITCH: I'm Sandy Rabinowitch, I'm with the National Park Service.

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33 MR. WHITEHILL: I'm Barry Whitehill, with Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge.

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36 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Thank you. Next is election of officers.

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39 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I kind of need to explain why that's on the agenda, so it's clear to everybody. As you know, you elected your officers at your last meeting. In general the cycle is to have election, the officers only serve one year terms, to have those in the fall cycle, so to get you back in cycle with all the other Councils, elections are here again for the three offices of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. And those duties are outlined in the operations manual. If we need a review of that I can provide that.

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49 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, we'll get on with the

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election. Nominations are now open for Chair.

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3 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: I nominate Harold Huntington.

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5 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: I'll second it.

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7 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: I've been nominated.

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9 MR. COLLINS: I so move that nominations be closed.

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11 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Nomination for Chair has been
closed. So, I guess it's unanimous, huh?

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13 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, and the Secretary cast an unanimous
ballot if there's a second.

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15 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: There's a second.

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17 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: It's been moved and seconded to
those nominations and unanimous ballot by the Secretary cast. I
guess I'm elected Chair again. I open nominations for Vice
Chair.

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19 MR. DEACON: I nominate Ray.

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21 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Ray has been nominated, is there
a second?

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23 I second. I move nominations be closed.

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25 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Second.

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27 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Nominations for Vice Chair has
been closed, I guess Ray is the Vice Chair.

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29 MR. COLLINS: You didn't vote.

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31 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: We didn't vote, huh? Okay, we'll
take a vote. All in favor of Ray being Vice Chair signify by
aying aye.

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33 IN UNISON: Aye

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35 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: All opposed, same sign.

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37 (No opposing responses)

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39 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, Ray, you sure enough Vice
Chair now. Nominations are open for Secretary.

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2 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: I nominate Angela.
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4 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Angela has been nominated. Is
5 there a second?
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7 MR. COLLINS: I'll second.
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9 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Ray seconded. Is there any more
10 nominations for Secretary?
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12 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: I move nominations be closed.
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14 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Nominates for Secretary has been
15 closed.
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17 MR. COLLINS: Second.
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19 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: It's been seconded. All in favor
20 of Angela for Secretary signify by saying aye.
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22 IN UNISON: Aye
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24 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: All opposed, same sign.
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26 (No opposing responses)
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28 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Angela is Secretary. And that's
29 for a one year term, huh?
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31 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, in your charter it's a one year
32 term, correct.
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34 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay. Next on the agenda is
35 reading and approval of March 24th, 1994 meeting minutes.
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37 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, that's a typo on my part,
38 actually your meeting was March 2nd through the 4th, not March
39 24th.
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41 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, March 2nd through the 4th.
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43 MR. MATHEWS: And that's found under Tab 3 if you'd
44 like to look at them.
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46 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Has the other Council members had
47 chance to read over these minutes?
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49 (Various nods of affirmative from Council members)
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2 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Is there any corrections to it?
Hearing none, I move that we approve the minutes of the meeting
and waive the reading.

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6 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Second.

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8 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: It's been moved and seconded to
approve and waive the minutes of the March 2nd through 4th, 1994
meeting. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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12 IN UNISON: Aye.

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14 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: All opposed, same sign.

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16 (No opposing responses)

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18 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Motion pass.

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20 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I realize they're not
really minutes, but you had a conference, I believe it's a
telephone conference, on May 19th, there wasn't a quorum -- let
me check, one, two, three -- there was not a quorum, but they're
following the minutes that you just approved. There's really
nothing you have to do with them, I incorporated them because --
for the members who may not have been present. I believe they
received them in the mail, but to make sure they're here again.
I'm not sure if any action was taken, I just felt obligated to
make sure that the Council and the new members had a copy of a
letter that was dated May 31st summarizing the Council
conference call dealing with some issues.

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33 MR. COLLINS: I take it, Mr. Chairman, there were no
calls from members dissenting, you know, that decision. They
were supposed to contact either you or me.

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37 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Um-hum. Okay, we're ready to go
on with c&t.

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40 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, my sound
equipment just arrived and I can have it set up in about 10
minutes, if you'd like.

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44 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: We'll take a 10 minute recess.

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46 (Off record)

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48 (On record)

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1 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, I call the meeting back to
 2 order. Next on our agenda is c&t determination process. I
 3 guess, Vince, you have someone to do that.

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 5 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we're up to c&t
 6 determination process. George Sherrod will be discussing that.
 7 I need to tell George that we included this in that review,
 8 they have a copy of the Upper Tanana.

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 10 MR. SHERROD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As you know when
 11 the Federal Government assumed management of subsistence in
 12 Alaska it adopted the regulations that were in existence, the
 13 State regulations. Included in these were the customary and
 14 additional use determinations. At the time the Federal
 15 Government adopted these regulations or these determinations
 16 they recognized that many of them may be inaccurate and were in
 17 need of review. This process has now commenced.

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 19 I mean, basically, I guess we go back and look at the
 20 fact that in terms of deciding who does and who does not have
 21 subsistence priority in the State. Those individuals in areas
 22 considered urban are out and then the next step is to ascertain
 23 which have customary and traditionally used populations of
 24 animals in the past. And that determination process is
 25 basically what we're in when we talk about the c&t process.

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 27 Of course under that in the case in which we have
 28 resource shortage problems between recognized groups then we are
 29 forced to go into a situation that we refer to as the 804
 30 situation and this is the process by which you decide or you
 31 allocated scarce resources between qualified users. To date we
 32 have not gotten into any 804 situation.

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 34 We currently have one, two, three, four, four ongoing
 35 c&t studies and two more that are basically in phases of gearing
 36 up. Last week at the meeting in Tok the Park Service
 37 representatives presented their document and then their summary
 38 conclusions in relationship to c&t for the Upper Tanana region.
 39 And I can backtrack. When the process was determined the State
 40 was sort of divvied up between the different land managing
 41 agencies and decisions were made which agency would conduct the
 42 search and put together the document that would be used by the
 43 Board, then, to make customary and traditional use
 44 determinations. This document was published -- or part of this
 45 process a document was published in the Federal Register and I
 46 believe -- they have a copy of that?

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 48 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, it's under Tab 4.

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1 MR. SHERROD: It's Tab 4, Vince says, is the process,
 2 general process. Also included in the general process on Page
 3 36064 are the eight factors that the Federal Government
 4 developed through the EIS process and allowing them to, then,
 5 weigh customary and traditional use practices. At the very end
 6 of that, on Page 36065, is a tentative schedule of the different
 7 areas and proposed completion dates. It would appear at this
 8 time the Kenai will be dealt with -- the Kenai Peninsula will be
 9 dealt with by the Federal Board this coming March, in fact, I
 10 believe it is next week on the 14th they will be actually
 11 developing a proposed rule that will then go out in the Federal
 12 Register for public review comment period.

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14 Last week at the Upper Tanana Regional Advisory
 15 Committee, they requested that the process for the Upper Tanana
 16 be put on hold until the communities had the ability to review
 17 the draft document that was developed. And I don't know, yet,
 18 how that action is going to proceed with the outcome, whether
 19 the process is going to be delayed to accommodate that or
 20 whether it will go forth with the knowledge that the publication
 21 in the Federal Register provides the avenue by which the public
 22 can comment on the findings.

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24 I guess that's about it. If there are questions, I'll
 25 try to answer you questions. This is a very complicated and
 26 evolving process and it's fairly hard to summarize because it
 27 seems to be changing and shifting. I will say that the dates
 28 listed on the -- in the back of the Federal Register document,
 29 Tab 4 I believe it is, are probably not going to be met, it's
 30 highly unlikely that we will see the Yukon Flats, Eastern North
 31 Slope, Minto Flats, et cetera completed in '95 and '96 unless
 32 something happens. Part of the reason for this delay is because
 33 the Board has never gone through this process before, there's a
 34 lot of unknowns and these unknowns affect the amount of research
 35 that needs to be done. The degree to which the data is laid
 36 out, et cetera.

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38 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, the reason we're bringing
 39 this up now is because the Council at its next meeting in
 40 February, possibly will be looking at the Upper Tanana region
 41 and they'll also be looking at the Kenai customary and
 42 additional use determination. And at that time you'll be
 43 making your official recommendation for those c&ts. It looks
 44 like now, most likely, the Upper Tanana one will be delayed, but
 45 it's not -- we'll find out later if that's going to happen. But
 46 you need to gear in, like George pointed out, on that 36064, the
 47 eight criteria and then the steps that go through because I'm
 48 not sure George can say when it'll be in this area most likely a
 49 lot process. So this is good that you're observing how it's

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done elsewhere and also that you'll be making a recommendation. Pretty much you're making recommendation on what precedent setting those processes on the Kenai and Upper Tanana have. I'm not sure the Council is going to want to vote on who should get a c&t determination or not.

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7 And I kind of apologize for the difficult to read Federal Register copy we gave you, but that's the best we have, so if at a later day or even tonight you want -- you have difficulty reading it we can assist you, but all our copies are as blurred. Thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, Vince, is that 1995 here for Western Interior or 1996?

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16 MR. MATHEWS: I believe it's 1996, but -- wait a minute. Well,

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19 MR. SHERROD: I believe it's '95, if we're talking about Number 4, Yukon Kuskokwim Delta.

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22 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yes.

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24 MR. SHERROD: Yes, Western Interior. Mike Coffing is the individual that is in the process of pulling this document together and I haven't had a chance to converse with him, I'm not sure in what stage he's at. He is working on that, I've currently started working on the Yukon Flats and probably will simultaneously be gathering data for portion of the Western Interior as well, the units down river from Tanana. And there's a few parcels broken up, I apologize, we don't have map, a few parcels broken up in between these different units.

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34 I guess I should say, there are a number of avenues by which this body and the public will be informed of the process. It's a fairly complex process, but there are a number of points at which reviews are called for, that presentations are made. I think on the Kenai they've been in the process of reviewing it now for well over a year, there's been three or four public presentations, so I think before we actually get fully involved this you will have had a chance to review.

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43 One area that you need to be careful of, I suppose, at this time is for the -- because we are starting to gather the data for the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta that probably in the spring meeting it would be advisable to have Mike make the presentation, Mr. Coffing, so that we can be sure to catch any villages outside of the Delta area that might be using that region. It's not -- it's sometimes tricky -- the Kenai

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Peninsula was fairly easy because basically the communities on the peninsula that use the peninsula, some of these other areas are a bit more tricky where you have cross overs. One of the problems we found when we started trying to document the Eastern Slope was that we had a few of the Gwich'in villages that appeared to have use patterns in that area and that information is not well documented. It's going to require actually going there and making some contacts.

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10 So the line between regional responsibilities become a bit blurred. The management units fall neatly into regional responsibility, but the interest of neighboring units in those determinations become a bit blurred, so to try to do this right has sort of slowed down the process a bit. And I suppose I should say that the driving force, at some level, behind all of this is the problems that the Board has been confronted with. With the number of no determinations that are existing on the books and currently with a no determination status, any rural resident can harvest resources in an area which has a no determination. And we've had problems with -- I'm thinking back to caribou harvest on the haul road associated with people from Fort Greeley who qualify because there's a no determination were giving up the road, we have a few problematic areas like that we're trying to deal with.

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26 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chair, when they're making these determinations, they're going by Game Management Unit, they're not looking at Federal and State land within -- they're just making them general on the unit, is that right?

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31 MR. SHERROD: Well, the determinations haven't been made, this is the question that we really won't know until we see the proposed rule that will come out next week. I guess, actually, in two weeks. Part of the problem here is the litigation that is ongoing. At one level these determinations would only have affect currently on Federal land, now, of course, that could change. And this is one of the things that has caused problems in actually trying to document it because you have no idea where -- as a researcher, you have no idea where you set your parameters. You know, you cannot isolate, say, the Park's land or just Fish & Wildlife land, it's basically pretty openended.

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44 MR. COLLINS: I guess what I'm asking is when you're asking the question you're trying to determine if within that region, wherever within that region, people had customary and additional use. I understand when they go to setting seasons and bag limits it'll probably depend on who's the manager of that land. Or are they sorting it out and having people look at

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maps and say, did you subsistence use in this sub-portion of this unit, or something like that.

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4 MR. SHERROD: Well, there's been several approaches. Primarily we've had to rely on existing information, there has not been money set aside to conduct specific c&t research. We have few exceptions where the Park Service put some money into doing some research, I'm working on cooperative agreement with OATG in the Flats and one of the tasks in the next -- this year's cooperative agreement will be that they will actually start documenting part of the research that's not readily available in the written material, such things as transmission of knowledge, preparation, sharing, et cetera.

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15 In some cases people have sat down and used maps to tried to find out where they used. In other cases we relied on the maps collected by our Subsistence Division in ADF&G. Harvest ticket reporting information on the Kenai was a bit -- we had quite a bit of that. We were able to look at that where they had reported hunts and that was able to establish some degree of geographic parameters.

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23 Does that sort of answer your question, Ray?

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25 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, sort of, yeah.

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27 MR. SHERROD: I mean, I think that's why I think it's important, it would be worthwhile, to have Mike up here at the next meeting to make a presentation because basically he could 30 if he's at that stage, he could show you, I would believe, maps and areas and you could have the chance to comment on whether you thought the areas were potentially used by villages outside the scope of his current study. And as I say, there's a number of review processes in this, so I think there's a good chance that those things won't be overlooked.

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37 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I've noted that in my notes that if you want me to make that an agenda item for the next meeting, just say so, and I'll make sure that Mike is here. Mike Coffing to deal with the c&t that he's working with. So it's up to you or the Council, we can have Mike here. He was hoping to come to this meeting, but was unable to.

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44 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Um-hum. Yeah, if there's no objection from the rest of the Council members. It's going to have to get sometime, so the sooner the better.

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48 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, I'll note that and it'll be on the next agenda.

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2 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Any more questions for George?

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4 MR. COLLINS: I guess I got one more, Mr. Chairman. I noticed in the Upper Tanana there that they were using a period of the last 30 years to determine, like they determined no customary and traditional in black bear and that was because people haven't been harvesting because of the avoidance thing, but they had before, so they are looking at a fairly recent time period, I guess, in making that determination.

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12 MR. SHERROD: Well, the determination hasn't been made, this is -- when we did the Kenai there was a document, and I don't know if this body received the document, there was summary after the fairly lengthy research document here was a summary that provided three options that were basically three different scenarios.

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19 MR. MATHEWS: I was consulting with someone else. I believe the standing members got the Kenai c&t book, the green one. The new members did not, but

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23 MR. SHERROD: What that summary document did is it showed the effects of applying very liberal standards, such as anytime in the past, qualified, to very strict standard within the last 30 or 20 years, how the communities would fall in and fall out. It basically just showed the implication of the decision making process. This document was a bit more definite and actually establishes some of those guidelines, but those guidelines were guidelines for the Board to consider. The Board has not made a decision in the past, so there's no way, in my mind, for us to know whether they're going to say it's 30 year, it's 20 years, it's anytime in the past.

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35 I suppose since you are reviewing this that would be something that, potentially, you might want to comment on. Not on what the Board has done, but on the criteria used within this document that you find them somehow too restrictive or not restrictive enough because those are the kinds of questions that the Board is going to have to grapple with, you know, is it 51 percent of the community harvests therein; is it 25 percent; is it 75 percent; is it 10 years; 13 years? Those are the tough decision making questions that the Board is going to have to decide. And, as I say, if you find something in this that seems perhaps not in line with the way that this body views customary and traditional use patterns, then that would be an area to comment.

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49 One of the things or pieces of evidence that came up in
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reviewing the Kenai was that frequently in the past resources like sheep, caribou, moose, that were a fair distance from a community might be taken collectively. It might be worth the expense to go that extra distance if you knew you were going to basically fill you boat. The way seasons were past through historic periods have prohibited the ability to take those animals simultaneously and, therefore, use has stopped.

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9 One of the eight criteria, basically the first one, is
10 believe it's a long term history of use of a resource, but
11 there's a caveat in terms of excluding interruptions beyond
12 control of the community or area. Such interruptions can
13 actually can be regulatory prohibitions against using a
14 resource, whether it be temporarily because of the stock is low
15 whether it be for some other reason.

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17 MR. COLLINS: I'm familiar with what happened over on
18 the Denali Park Highway with the subsistence use in Denali Park
19 because the State had to make a determination. And there were
20 residents along that highway, between the certain mile posts,
21 Cantwell was called a resident community, so everybody was
22 automatically in Cantwell. Other people along the highway, they
23 determined that people did have subsistence use, but the
24 majority of the people along that strip of highway did not, so
25 they ruled out for all those individuals, even the ones who had.
26 The Park ended up issuing them subsistence permits first, and
27 then because of the State action withdrew them. And they've
28 been trying to fight them to get them back, so it is critical
29 when you talk who and numbers and that kind of thing, what kind
30 of criteria they're going to use.

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32 MR. SHERROD: One thing that I will point out and I'm
33 not sure of the implications of this, but the public comment
34 period will actually close on c&t prior to this body coming back
35 together again. The Southeast Council has requested that they
36 have requested of the Board that the Board consider their
37 review of it, even though the public comment period has lapsed.
38 I believe public comment period here is -- on the Kenai c&t,
39 which will be the first one, ends 1/30/95 and I don't believe
40 this body is slated to convene again until sometime in February.

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42 As things are going, though, it could well be that the
43 3/30/95 deadline is a bit ambitious and this body may convene
44 before the public comment period is closed, but it may not.
45 With that in mind, this body might want to request the same as
46 the Southeast did, that the Board consider their recommendations
47 even though the public comment period has lapsed or some other
48 avenue, make some comment now, I don't know.

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1 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: I think last year what happened
 2 was some of the other Councils decided that there wasn't enough
 3 time to review the c&t determinations, so we sent a letter to
 4 the Federal Board requesting that they postpone the review
 5 process, so I guess the Federal Board postponed the review
 6 process for the Kenai and maybe -- I don't know. I know that
 7 Kenai members wanted to, you know, get on with it, they figured
 8 they had enough public input and stuff like that, but a lot of
 9 the areas are not familiar with the process yes, so it might be
 10 a good idea to see if we could -- you know, don't rush into it
 11 too fast.

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13 And also I'd like to state that our area is probably
 14 one of the larger areas in the whole state, you know, I think we
 15 have the most diversified groups, you know, we have -- oh, we
 16 have about four different groups, I think, of people that's, you
 17 know, completely almost -- they live different subsistence lives
 18 and I think we have our job cut out for us in as far as coming
 19 up with a c&t determination. You know, I think it's going to
 20 be, you know, it's going to take a lot longer than what little
 21 time we have.

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23 Any more questions from George here? Hearing none,
 24 okay, thank you, George.

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26 MR. SHERROD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Well, we already came to our to
 29 our night agenda and we discussed it among some of the Council
 30 members here and we could possibly go on with the agenda, with
 31 some of the stuff that we could do now, you know. I don't want
 32 to change to agenda, you know, because some people might want to
 33 come in on some parts of it and find out we switched the agenda
 34 around and they might not be happy with that, so if there some
 35 things on the agenda now that we could discuss now, without
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38 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Travel vouchers.

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40 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, we could discuss travel, I
 41 could go over the basics of it, but the details for this travel
 42 would be easier to do kind of off the record.

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44 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, I think so.

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46 MR. MATHEWS: The distribution of advances and that,
 47 but I think for -- well, some of the public that's here, it
 48 might be worthwhile to explain a little bit the travel and then
 49 for Henry also.

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2 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Um-hum.

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4 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, the travel is set up -- there's a
5 form, which I'll show you later, that you would sign if you want
6 to get an advance. Meaning when you attend the meeting

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8 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, do you want this on or off?

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10 MR. MATHEWS: No, on. This would be on. On the
11 record, excuse me.

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13 That if you want an advance in money that you would
14 have to sign that form and then we have those forms for the next
15 meeting, that way when you travel there there'll be money
16 waiting for you. You also have a colored sheet that gives you
17 your time and arrival and departures and all of that, you need
18 to fill that out and send it into use upon completion of your
19 travel. There is also a travel authorization form that we need
20 your signature.

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22 So on any of that, there's enough staff here for us to
23 help you through that, but the travel is here to make it
24 convenient to you and to not impact your personal finances, so
25 that, in a nutshell, is the travel vouchers and et cetera, and
26 we'll handle the advances and individual paperwork during break
27 when we recess.

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29 The only other thing, Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure if I
30 understood you did not want to go further in the agenda or you
31 did want to?

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33 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: I think it would be okay if we
34 did, because we have almost 13 or 14 hours of meeting tomorrow,
35 and kind of like to get some of the stuff done tonight if we
36 could. If there's no objections from anybody in the audience.

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38 MR. MATHEWS: Well, one thing I need you to remind you.
39 I don't know your style of the meeting, so I apologize asking
40 you this question, but many of the Councils kind of have an open
41 forum, if somebody wants to testify on something they can gather
42 your attention or myself and be recognized. I'm assuming you
43 have that same forum, that it be on record that if somebody
44 wants to testify on an issue that you're discussing that they
45 get your attention and testify on the record.

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47 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, we try to be as flexible as
48 possible. If there's someone here that's not going to be here
49 tomorrow and have something to say tonight, you know, just feel
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free to, you know, (indiscernible - interrupted)

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3 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, because I did see some other people
4 come in that may want to testify on something that's on the
5 agenda and they won't be able to attend tomorrow.

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7 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Um-hum. Yeah, if there's anybody
8 that, you know, has questions or want to testify just don't be
9 afraid to speak up. So we'll just go ahead and keep on going on
10 the agenda, I guess.

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12 MR. MATHEWS: It's the Council's wishes, Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: If there's no objections. Okay,
15 we'll get on and start in on old business. Report of Federal
16 Subsistence Board actions since the last Council meeting. And
17 there's actions on regulatory proposals and special actions.

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19 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I can go over that, if
20 you'd like.

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22 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay.

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24 MR. MATHEWS: You need to turn to Tab 5. And it's up
25 to you how you want me to do this. If you want me to go through
26 each proposal or if you'd like me to just randomly select one of
27 the proposals that your Council commented on and passed a
28 commendation. It's laid out in a table format and I can go
29 through some examples or I could go through each one in detail.

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31 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: What's the Board's wishes? Maybe
32 just go through the proposals that affect the Western Interior
33 Council.

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35 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, I'll go through some examples,
36 when?

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38 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah.

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40 MR. MATHEWS: For the public there's extra copies of
41 this on the table if you want to track along. For example, if
42 you look at Page 1 you'll see in the left column there's like a
43 number, that means number of the proposal, so Proposal 51, the
44 one I'll use as an example. Subject was Unit 19 moose and
45 caribou. The synopsis of that proposal was to maintain current
46 community harvest limit of 40 moose and create a Federal Lime
47 Village Management area larger than the State area and close the
48 area to non-Lime Village residents. The Regional Council
49 commendation on that was support with modification. If the

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Council wants the modification I have it in another file, The staff committee supported it with modification. The Board took action at their April meeting, which they rejected the moose portion, adopting the current regulations with the inclusion of a community reporting system. And then they adopted retention of the current -- I'm not sure what the abbreviation is for, LV, maybe

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9 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Lime Village

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11 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Lime Village

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13 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Lime Village.

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15 MR. MATHEWS: Lime Village, thank you. The current
16 Lime Village caribou regulations with a reporting system. So
17 that gives you an example of how your action went.

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19 I'll select another one on Page 2. Let's get one that
20 relates to -- okay, Number 59, which was for Unit 24, which is
21 in your region, is for moose. The description of it to alter
22 moose season opening date to September 1st and change management
23 boundary in a portion of Unit 24 to match State description.
24 Western Interior supported with modification including the John
25 River Drainage within the Gates of the Arctic National Park.
26 August 1st through December 31st, I assume, is the season. The
27 staff committee recommendation was to support with modification.
28 The Board at its April meeting adopted the proposal with
29 Regional Council modification.

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31 Now, if you look at the bottom, I'm sorry it's in the
32 case, but it's there. If you look you commented on -- the
33 Council commented on 14 proposals, seven of those proposals were
34 where the Board was in agreement with the Council
35 recommendation; two of the proposals the Board was in
36 disagreement with Council recommendation; and five proposals
37 were either deferred or withdrawn. So you have a fairly good
38 track record, meaning that the Board has pretty much gone with
39 your recommendation.

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41 If there are particular proposals that Council members
42 have questions on I have the staff committee book with me and
43 other team members here that could share more information if you
44 have question of any of those proposals.

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46 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, go ahead, Ray.

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1 MR. COLLINS: I wonder if we could look at the two that
~~they~~ turned down, that they rejected that we recommended, or
 have we?

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5 MR. MATHEWS: Sure.

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7 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Two deferred.

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9 MR. MATHEWS: I didn't mark those, so we'll have to
 look together to find them.

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12 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Sixty-one is one of them.

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14 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: One.

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16 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: One and 61. Oh, there's more
~~than~~ than that.

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19 MR. COLLINS: No, we opposed it and they rejected it.

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21 MR. MATHEWS: Hopefully I got the total right.

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23 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: We supported 1 and they rejected it.

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25 MR. COLLINS: Oh, okay, the first one?

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27 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Yeah.

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29 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, the first proposal was a statewide
~~proposal~~ proposal dealing with furbearers, it was modifying trapping
~~regulations~~ regulations to permit same-day-airborne taking of wolves,
~~lynxes~~ lynxes, coyotes, red fox and Arctic fox. You supported it,
~~staff~~ staff committee opposed it, the Board rejected it. Let me pull
~~that~~ my other

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36 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, Eastern Interior opposed it.

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38 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, on that one I'll have to
~~defer~~ defer to others, I don't have the documentation for the
~~statewide~~ statewide proposal, the reasoning behind why the Board rejected
~~it~~ it. There may be other staff that can assist in that
~~discussion~~ discussion.

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44 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: I think if I remember right there
~~was~~ was three of the Councils that supported it and there was seven
~~opposed~~ opposed it, statewide, and so the Board went with the majority
~~on~~ that.

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49 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, if the Council really

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desires that information I can try to obtain it by tomorrow somehow. Just with the warning that all my material and others are in boxes, we have moved our location, but I can pretty much get somebody in the general area, in the right box and get them into -- I can find it if you really wanted it to be here by tomorrow afternoon.

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CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Maybe you can fill us in on what happened to Proposals 54 and 58.

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MR. MATHEWS: Okay, Proposal 54 and 58 is another agenda item later on.

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CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Oh, okay.

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MR. MATHEWS: I can cover some of it now, if you desire. It probably would be better to wait on the agenda item, that -- both of those proposals have kind of evolved with time, that it would be best at one moment to go through them all instead of piecemeal at this time.

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CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, yeah, that's (indiscernible interrupted)

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MR. MATHEWS: I see a lot of head shaking in the crowd, I think it would best to wait.

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CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, we'll hold off on those too.

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MR. MATHEWS: Now, I should probably give you background, a little bit, why this chart is here. This chart is here and the reason I put it down in the agenda is we need to, at this process, make sure the Council is given information back on what their actions have happened. I'm getting an indication from you that I may need do some more work on -- a little bit better explanation of where you and all of that. We will try to accommodate that so it makes it clearer to you. And the reason we're doing that is to inform you, but also that way you can build upon your successes and build upon areas where you may not have been as successful, but you don't know why.

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So we'll leave it at that if we're done with the proposals. I'm not trying to rush anybody on it, if there's anyone in particular there, besides 54 and 58, that they would like some more information on it, I'm more than willing to do that.

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If there is none, I can move on to special actions.

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2 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay.
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4 MR. DEACON: Mr. Chairman.
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6 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Henry.
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8 MR. DEACON: I got a question. In Unit 21, 56 and 57,
9 on the both there is withdrawn, what's that mean?
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11 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, on 57 that was a proposal -- just
12 I get it on record, dealing with Unit 21(D) moose, it was to
13 remove a four day season different with State regulations for
14 moose. That was withdrawn, if I'm not mistaken -- maybe it was
15 first withdrawn. What that means is the author of the proposal
16 withdrew its proposal, they took it away from the Board, so it
17 was withdrawn. I was looking up who was the author that
18 proposal.
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20 I was think it was the State, but I'm not finding it.
21 I know why I'm not finding it. The author withdrew it, whoever
22 was, I can't find it in my documents because it was already
23 withdrawn before it went to the staff committee book, so I can't
24 look it up. If you present a proposal, the author can withdraw
25 and say that they changed their mind. And I'm pretty sure it
26 was the State proposal and that's why it's withdrawn all the way
27 across because it was withdrawn prior to the Council meeting.
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29 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, we didn't see it at the Council
30 meeting either because somebody pulled it back, I guess.
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32 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, I'll move on into special actions.
33 For the public and staff out there, it's a chart that goes this
34 way now and there's copies over there. It's not a complete
35 listing and I don't know how many more have come in, but a
36 special action is essentially an action requesting something to
37 be down within a regulatory season. It can be a closure, an
38 emergency closure, a temporary opening, and things in that
39 light. I'm not going to go through all of them, but just so
40 it's clear to everybody, you'll see -- let's find one that would
41 be for your region.
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43 Okay, if you look at the far left column it says,
44 special action number, if you go down two thirds of the way down
45 you'll see S94-06, that was the sixth special action submitted in
46 that regulatory year. Oh, I picked the wrong one, sorry. Go
47 down to the next one. Sorry, my eyes are playing tricks on me.
48 Go to S94-07, the seventh one for that year.
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1 And that affects Region 2, Southcentral, Region 6,
 2 which is your region and Region 9, which is Eastern Interior.
 3 That's affecting Unit 20(C). The summary of the action
 4 requested, it was requested from the Denali Resource Commission
 5 to establish a November 15th through December 15th moose season
 6 on specified National Park Service lands in Unit 20(C). The
 7 Board, at its August 17th meeting, granted that request.

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 9 This just kind of gives you an idea of some different
 10 special actions that are affecting your area. When Mr. Yaska
 11 was up here speaking about the flood relief, I think I mentioned
 12 there was a couple of special actions that -- one special action
 13 that has already taken place, and that's on the second page,
 14 S94-10, which was to extend the moose season in portions of Unit
 15 24 to October 5th. And that was passed by the Board. The Board
 16 can do that by a poll vote, a telephone poll vote.

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 18 There's an action that's not listed there because it's
 19 just developing, I was writing up the paperwork yesterday on it,
 20 I didn't get a chance to get it in this format. And that's
 21 going to be S94-13, which is Unit 24 and it's also to change the
 22 winter moose season to -- in Unit 24, portions of Unit 24, to
 23 start earlier. Instead of December 1 it'll be November 15th.
 24 And that's to alleviate the hardships that the villages of
 25 Alakaket, Alatna and Hughes are having.

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 27 The other special actions, I wasn't able to find out
 28 about, they're still evolving and I don't believe they're in
 29 your region. But this gives you an idea of the special actions.

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 31 The next action that you have, they're called Request
 32 for Reconsiderations, and that's basically requests from public
 33 and et cetera to ask the Board to reconsider its actions and
 34 that's the next page down. Let me see if there's one for your
 35 area. Nope, there isn't, so we'll just pick one to give you an
 36 idea in case there is a request for reconsideration.

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 38 Well, we'll just take one for -- R94-04, which is for
 39 Region 1, Unit 4. This is to reinstate the regulation
 40 prohibiting subsistence hunters from boats in Unit 4. The Board
 41 denied its requests at August 17th, 1994. So this is just kind
 42 of an update in status. You'll see on there the November
 43 meeting 1994 will be taking up crab, king crab, subsistence king
 44 crab harvest. They'll also be taking up moose and caribou on
 45 the Severson Peninsula in Unit 9(E), which is Region 4, so this
 46 kind of gives you an idea of requests for reconsiderations.

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 48 Requests for reconsiderations have to come in within 60
 49 days after the publication of the, let's see, the final rule.
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So it's just to give you an update and educate you to that option. Are there any questions on either special actions or requests for reconsiderations? Special actions are mainly for emergencies in general, request for reconsiderations say we may have more data or some other compelling reason to have the Board re-look at their decision. And that's all I have for agenda item dealing with actions on regulatory proposals and special actions.

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10 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Is there any questions on what we
just discussed here? Hearing none, we'll go on to Number (2) on
old business, Update on joint cooperative efforts with
Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Advisory Council on moose regulations
in Unit 19(A) and 21(E).

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16 MR. GUENTHER: Do you want to do it now?

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18 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, making sure I'm getting the
agenda correct here and make sure that we're on track here.
Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think it's time we go through Proposal 54
and 58 at this time. I don't think they're later on the agenda.
If the Council would like to, it would be an appropriate time
to address it. If anybody else sees it on the agenda later I'd
be okay, I think we're there.

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26 Mr. Chairman, I'll just give the update on the, for the
record, the joint cooperative effort and then we'll get into
Proposal -- we'll just go numerically, 54 and 58. Okay,
Mr. Chairman, the Board had 54 and 58 before it twice. The
Board deferred taking any actions on those proposals because the
Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Advisory Council had their
recommendations that the Western Interior Regional Advisory
Council had also their recommendation and they were opposing
each other.

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36 So the Board said to defer them twice, the Board,
charged that the two Councils meet to see if there was some way
of compromising or working out this out cooperatively. We
attempted to have a joint meeting of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Council
and your Council, we were not able to pull that off, so there
has not been that meeting.

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43 As this evolves, you need to look at -- you need to
look at Tab 8, it'll be critical you look at Tab 8 and I'm
pretty much going to be dropping out of this one, but I want to
point out on the record at the end of Tab 8 is the proposal that
was adopted by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory
Subsistence Council at its October meeting addressing moose
season in Unit 19(A), so I want you to realize that is from --

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Okay. So you need to be pointed out in there. Let me check -- there is -- I'm just getting some information here that may want change your action.

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5 Mr. Chairman, could I just talk with the staff a second and give you some direction on this. Okay, thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, we'll take a 10 minute recess.

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11 (Off record)

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13 (On record)

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15 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, call the meeting back to order. After some discussion we decided to get on with a different area of the agenda. We're going to start on update on charter. We decided to hold off on joint effort between the Yukon-Kuskokwim and Western Interior on Proposals 54 and 58 until we get some more input from some more residents that's involved in it. So we'll get on with Number (3), Update on charter.

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24 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, Mr. Chairman, under Tab 5, again, first beyond the request for reconsideration is a copy of the charter that is now somewhere in Washington going through the process of getting signed off on. I'm pretty sure, without looking at your minutes, that your Council looked at changing the paragraph on Page 3, Removal of Members. It used to read: If a Council member appointed under Paragraph 9 misses three consecutive regular scheduled meetings, the Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board may recommend that the Secretary of Interior, with concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture, remove that individual.

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36 That has been changed to two consecutive regular scheduled meetings. And other than that there is no other changes to the charter. So this is a kind of a let you know of that change. And those are two consecutive regular scheduled meetings. And pretty much reading in between the lines, that is pretty much unexcused meetings. And that's the only changes that I know of in the charter. And the charter is going to be signed sometime fairly soon.

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45 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: While we're on the subject, maybe we can bring to light some of the facts that

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48 MR. MATHEWS: What now?

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1 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: While we're on the subject, maybe
 2 we can discuss some of the excused absences that we're having
 3 right now. We have four members that's absent, is any of them
 4 legitimate excuses or

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 6 MR. MATHEWS: Well, legitimacy of excuses -- boy, I
 7 have to stretch my mind on this because I'm heavily influenced
 8 from the State's side, so -- generally that's usually covered in
 9 our by-laws and at this point I don't believe you have by-laws
 10 as to what's considered an excused absence. It just states two
 11 consecutive regularly scheduled meetings. I can give you common
 12 sense direction on that and hope the solicitor's office agrees
 13 with common sense.

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 15 In general it's illnesses, deaths and conflicts with --
 16 an example, one of your members could not make it, he just was
 17 given an appointment to a new job, it would jeopardize his
 18 employment with that job to attend this meeting.

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 20 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Well, wasn't it stated under the
 21 ...

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 23 MR. MATHEWS: It's not stated in the charter, no.

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 25 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: or under the

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 27 MR. MATHEWS: I would have to check -- and maybe
 28 someone can check in the Operations Manual, I'm not sure it's in
 29 there either. It's kind of a

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 31 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Well, under Duties and
 32 Responsibilities I think it covers that.

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 34 MR. MATHEWS: Right. I'll see if it's in the
 35 Operations Manual. (Pause) Mr. Chairman, I can take a look
 36 over the evening, before tomorrow, and see if there's something
 37 in the Operations Manual to see if there's some direction on
 38 that, but essentially the actions for removal is to allow the
 39 Council to perform its duties and it's recommended that you
 40 would probably -- you would report your concerns to the Federal
 41 Subsistence Board and they would make recommendations to the
 42 Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture for
 43 removal. So the removal is done on the part of that process.
 44 We may need an update from someone else on that. I'm guessing
 45 here at this point.

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 47 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Well, I just wanted to bring that
 48 up because we barely have enough for a quorum at this meeting,
 49 you know. We only have two meetings a year and it shouldn't be
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that much of a problem for Council members to make it, you know.
 They agreed to the responsibilities and stuff to make the
 meeting and I think they should live up to their word and
 represent their area, you know.

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Because, for instance, while we had the Aniak seat, we
 had some residents there that was pretty concerned about not
 being represented and now that we have representative from that
 area he's not here, you know. It doesn't make much sense.

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MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, not to defend or make
 a stand or anything like that on that incident of representation
 from Aniak, but just to inform the Council again that the
 appointment process didn't happen as quickly as envisioned and
 that person wasn't appointed until not too long ago, so it would
 make it difficult for a person to make plans on that.

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MR. DEACON: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Um-hum.

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MR. DEACON: I would question that we remove -- two
 consecutive meeting. What if it's bad weather and a person
 never make it? You know, those are stuck in the rural area that
 travel by airplane, sometimes you can't make it. So I would
 really oppose that, tell whoever is making those regulations to
 keep it open (ph).

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MR. MATHEWS: Well, that's kind of why I said between
 the lines, it should be unexcused absences, because as an
 example you had one member, due to travel arrangements -- travel
 conditions could not make it, that's why beyond that person's
 point. I was on the phone with him, at least, once today, staff
 from Anchorage was on the phone two or three times. He wanted
 to go, but transportation just couldn't make it through the
 weather so -- this is more in an area of neglect on the part of
 the Council members performing their duties.

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MR. DEACON: Yeah.

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MR. MATHEWS: What you're asking me is to give you
 guidance as to what neglect would be or what would be excused
 and I'm going to defer on that, other than to use common sense.

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CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Well, I think we can all agree
 weather is a legitimate excuse.

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MR. DEACON: Yeah.

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1 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Or health or death.

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3 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, or health or death, but not
4 business, you know.

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6 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, i'd like to address Henry's
7 question because we discussed this the last -- we actually asked
8 them to shorten the charter because the charter originally had
9 three, was it? Yeah. But what we felt was somebody is missing
10 for whole year, see, we only meet twice a year, that we didn't
11 want to have areas under represented, that would be unexcused,
12 but if somebody's is gone for whole year, we figure we ought to
13 be able to act because it takes so long for them to appoint
14 somebody else anyhow. If we had to wait a year and a half
15 before we could suggest removing somebody that isn't showing up
16 because they're not interested or something like that, we
17 thought it was too long. That's why we suggested we the two
18 years. But I think we would accept, you know, excused absences,
19 weather or something there's a reason for it would be excused.

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21 MR. DEACON: Yeah, that's got to be thought over pretty
22 seriously. Once you get on a Board and for some reason you miss
23 the Board and you put on a new guy like me who don't know
24 anything. I'm just trying to learn right now, you know.

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26 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

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28 MR. DEACON: That's what I mean, that's what -- the
29 longer you're on a Board, the more you got to know stuff. But
30 if you just remove a guy for miss one or two meetings, you
31 better -- you know.

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33 MR. MATHEWS: Well, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Deacon, unless
34 I'm corrected otherwise, I don't think you have done a final
35 commendations on the Operations Manual, sounds to me like you
36 may want to make some comments about incorporating what is two
37 consecutive misses of meetings. And that -- I'm not putting you
38 off, Mr. Chairman, but the Operations Manual is a little bit
39 later down the agenda, not too far away, but it's down the
40 agenda.

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42 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: So it's still open -- so the
43 charter is still open for corrections or amendments? So we
44 could still add some -- add on to this charter? Change -- make
45 changes?

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47 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to preclude
48 you from making any changes to the charter, but as I mentioned
49 earlier this charter is somewhere in Washington -- as a matter

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of fact, we got a call from Washington today on it, in the process of being signed. This charter is, I believe, in effect for -- I'll have to defer to somebody else. If my memory serves me correct, it's two years.

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6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE VOICE: Correct.

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8 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Oh, okay.

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10 MR. MATHEWS: So this charter is reflecting your previous action a year ago. If there's something else there we can note it in the record and go from there, but

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14 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Well, maybe I'll just think about changing some of the wording on it.

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17 MR. MATHEWS: On removal?

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19 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah. Maybe

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21 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, it was pointed out to me, that's why I wasn't as up as to what you were asking there, in the Operations Manual, which I don't know which tab it is in here, but we have other copies available, but I can read to you the sections that deals with meeting attendance that may somewhat clarify this. And it says on Page 25: Regional Council members are expected to attend all meeting of the Regional Council. If a member misses three consecutive meetings now, that'll have to change to two consecutive meetings -- without excuse he/she may be asked to resign by the Regional Council or the Board may recommend to the Secretary of Interior, with concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture to remove that individual.

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35 So I do need to clarify to you that if the person misses with two consecutive meeting without excuse, the Regional Council can ask them to resign. If they still decide not to resign then the Board may recommend their removal, so that somewhat lays it out. They'll be someone, somewhere asking what is an excuse and that's why I went over common sense.

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42 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Um-hum.

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44 MR. COLLINS: And I think the word was may in there, wasn't it? That we may ask them after

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47 MR. MATHEWS: May ask them to resign. The Council cannot, according to this, tell them to resign.

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1 MR. COLLINS: Right, but we could choose not to ask
2 them to if we felt there was legitimate reasons for their
3 missing?

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5 MR. MATHEWS: Correct. You could have a member that
6 misses two meeting and you feel that whatever reasoning you felt
7 that you don't have to take the option to ask them to resign. I
8 say, if I was your coordinator ask you to ask them because of
9 form requirements, because of regional representation, and that
10 would communicate through the Chair, concerns on that because
11 there may be an issue that comes up from that area within the
12 region that needs that input and so -- but, again, it's the
13 Council would be asked to ask them to resign.

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15 The best of all worlds is to have all nine members here
16 because then the full -- in theory the full region is
17 represented. And I know the Council members are uncomfortable
18 making decisions on other areas of the region without their
19 input, so it's to your advantage to make it clear to new and
20 other Council members -- hey, we need you there because we're
21 going to be making decisions on your area and we're
22 uncomfortable doing that without your input. And that's why you
23 state your meeting locations to allow others to come and
24 testify.

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26 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, that was one of my
27 concerns, I kind of had the idea that some of the Council
28 members doesn't, you know, really -- aren't too involved in it,
29 you know. I know there's a lot of people involved, but they're
30 not on the Board.

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32 MR. MATHEWS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'd also ask you, and
33 I'm not up to full speed how it's done, but I would ask the
34 officers also to call the Council members that they may have
35 concerns about and talk to them directly. And we have a
36 mechanism that the phone calls won't be charged against your
37 bill, but that's a better way of working internally within your
38 Council to address this issue than one of the staff calling up,
39 because it's just better to work within yourself, it's your
40 region. To give them a call and say we missed you at the
41 meeting and it would have been a lot easier if X, Y and Z, if
42 you were here.

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44 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Um-hum. Is there any more update
45 the charter? Questions? Hearing none, we'll go on down to
46 the -- you wanted to cover the Fish & Wildlife Service same-day-
47 airborne tonight?

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49 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Let me grab your
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minutes or else maybe you are up to -- well, let me just grab
 your minutes to reflect -- make sure I cover what you did with
 that action and then we'll all be in the same -- I'm not sure
 I'm going to find it here.

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 6 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: I think it's Number 17 on the
 minutes.

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 9 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Public testimony?

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 11 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, public testimony.

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 13 MR. MATHEWS: You sent a letter, I believe -- okay,
 yes, you received a letter, Mr. Chairman, for you Council in
 response to your letter. And for Council members that is under
 Tab 5, it's beyond the code of Federal -- the Federal Register,
 excuse me, and I'll just kind of summarize that for the record.

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 19 This letter here, looks like that, and I saw it in your
 file. For Council members it's this one here.

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 22 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah.

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 24 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, it's a letter dated May 16th, 1994,
 it's from the Regional Director of Fish & Wildlife Service.

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 27 This letter is in response to your letter to George
 Constantino, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Federal
 Subsistence Board regarding the proposed rule by the Service to
 prohibit same-day-airborne shooting of wolves and wolverines on
 National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska.

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 33 You letter indicated that the Western Interior Regional
 Advisory Council opposed the proposed rule after concluding that
 it would be an unnecessary restriction on subsistence trappers
 that use airplanes. It also expressed the Western Interior
 Council's concern that the proposed rule was not subject to the
 Subpart D process of the Federal Subsistence Program.

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 40 The proposed rule was not subject to the Subpart D
 process because it would not be a subsistence regulation. The
 proposed prohibition of same-day-airborne shooting of wolves and
 wolverines would be included in the Alaska Refuge regulation
 applicable to general or sport hunting and trapping of wildlife,
 50CFR36.32. Subpart D of the Federal subsistence regulations
 already prohibit subsistence hunters and trappers from shooting
 wolves and wolverines on the same-day-airborne.

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 49 Nonetheless, as part of the public review process the
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Service provided the proposed rule to each of the Federal Regional Advisory Councils for their consideration and comments. After careful consideration of public comments, including Council comments, the administrative record of Council meetings, the Service remains convince that allowing same-day-airborne shooting of wolves leads to and even invites excessive reliance on aircraft to pursue and take wolves, which inevitably results in abuse and violations of the Airborne Hunting Act and further complicates enforcement.

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11 Such activities also violate accepted standards of fair chase and the Service policy for ethical hunting and trapping on National Wildlife Refuges.

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15 I can go on, Mr. Chairman, but essentially that summarizes the action. It says: seven of the 10 Councils opposed that propos- -- well, anyway -- I can also refer you to the Federal Register which precedes that letter and that, again, that's the best copy we have, it is difficult to read, but you can take a look at that.

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22 If you have particular questions on implications in this area we do have Fish & Wildlife staff here.

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25 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Is this going to come up again later on in the meeting?

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28 MR. MATHEWS: No, Mr. Chairman, this is basically to follow up, this is a final rule, this is what the Fish & Wildlife Service will be -- regulations dealing with this. And the Council commented on it earlier, as the letter noted, and the Fish & Wildlife Service still remains convinced, as I said earlier, that allowing same-day-airborne shooting of wolves leads to excessive use -- excessive reliance on aircraft to pursue and take wolves which may result in abuse.

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37 It is just telling you what transpired with your actions and the final action of the Service.

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40 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Um-hum. Anyway it was rejected by the Federal Board, anyway, huh?

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43 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, that was concerning a proposal dealing with the 300 foot limit from aircraft, that's that last paragraph on a letter to you, Mr. Huntington, and that was rejected by the Board on the State's side there is a -- was passed to allow aircraft to be used for trapper as long as the trapper is, at least, 300 feet from the aircraft. That was the proposal that was submitted to the Federal side, the Board

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1 rejected it.

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3 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Um-hum.

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5 MR. COLLINS: And I understand seven of the 10 Regional
6 Councils also opposed it? Is that what I'm reading here?

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8 MR. MATHEWS: That's what it says.

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10 MR. COLLINS: That surprises me.

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12 MR. MATHEWS: When I put together your table, which I
13 showed you earlier, this table here, I think to save space I
14 took out what the other Regional Councils did. There may be
15 somebody here that could tell you.

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17 Yes, Conrad Guenther could give you more information.
18 I'm kind of stumbling here, maybe someone else can help out.

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20 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, Conrad, go head.

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22 MR. GUENTHER: Mr. Chair, if I remember correctly, the
23 other seven Councils rejected it primarily because they did not
24 consider it a customary and traditional practice.

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26 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay, any more questions on that.
27 If not, we'll go on down to Number (2), Letters from
28 Subsistence Resource Commission appointments.

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30 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, you have beyond that
31 letter from the Regional Director, you have letters that you
32 sent to the Denali National Park and Preserve and the Lake Clark
33 National Park and Preserve concerning appointments. I'm not
34 sure if someone here from the Park Service can cover where those
35 appointments are, but I do have a fax here from the one
36 appointment, which was to -- well, which doesn't address either
37 one of those, which is Gates of the Arctic National Park and
38 that one you appointed Pollock Simon Sr. of Allakaket and he is
39 serving as a member of the Gates of the Arctic Subsistence
40 Resource Commission.

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42 Okay, I'm getting information from the Park Service
43 representative that we don't have the information right here now
44 as to the appointments. The Denali National Park and Preserve
45 and Lake Clark. I know Hollis Twitchell, who is the subsistence
46 coordinator, I'm pretty sure that's his title, was planning to
47 be at this meeting and apparently the planes didn't allow him to
48 arrive. If you would like that information I can obtain it
49 tomorrow by phone.

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2 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, that would be fine.
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4 MR. MATHEWS: Okay.
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6 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Want to keep on going down?
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8 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Okay, the next item, if we're beyond
the commission appointments, we're into the annual report.
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11 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Want to break?
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13 MR. COLLINS: I don't think we got enough time, 15
minutes, to deal with that.
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16 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: You guys want to break for the
night?
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19 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Sound good.
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21 MR. COLLINS: Unless you want to skip down to D, is
that just an explanation or something?
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24 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, if you want to go to
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27 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, okay, we can get D. Cover
D8right now.
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30 MR. MATHEWS: I may ask for a summation of that from
your former coordinator to make sure that we get it all correct
on that. Essentially, this is discussing the vacancy of Council
seat held by Kenneth Madros and I just feel that it's
appropriate that David James go through that with you.
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36 MR. JAMES: Mr. Chair, Council members, I'll try to
be count as briefly as I can what happened. Mr. Madros, as you
know, never made a meeting. And at one point last winter he
expressed an interest in resigning. At the same time he
expressed the desire that he wanted to serve, but there was a
conflict with his job. So as you recall last spring in Galena,
the last meeting, we went through this whole thing and decided
to contact him and let him know that the Council would decided
that it would be simply too difficult to try to accommodate your
schedule to his work schedule.
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47 Well -- and after that I made several attempts to get
Mr. Madros to give a letter of resignation, and that's required
by the system. And I was never able to get that letter and the
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Decision had to be made whether to continue to try to get that better response from Mr. Madros or to take some sort of action. So in using advice from the solicitor's office we essentially removed him.

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6 Now, when we say removed him I don't want to put any negative meaning to that term. We simply did something that he didn't take the time to do, it was really his intention to not serve, if that all makes sense to you. So we went ahead and went through several formal steps, like I said, the solicitor's office was helping out with and we simply removed him. There's been no negative feedback from him at all. And the reason we did it that way was so that we could free up that seat vacancy in time for the selection process so we didn't have this vacancy continuing on. So that was how that was handled.

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17 Any questions?

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19 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Yeah, for a while I thought we'd never get over that little problem. It drug on and on. I talked to him myself several times and he never really gave me a yes or no answer. But we're on with a new Board member on the seat, so hopefully we can get some more business accomplished. Thank you, Dave.

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26 MR. JAMES: Um-hum.

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28 MR. COLLINS: Was that filled by the gentleman from Alaska that isn't here this time?

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31 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: I'm not too sure. Maybe Vince can fill us in on who filled his seat.

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34 MR. MATHEWS: Well, that's what I was trying to do piece together here somewhat, and trying to get to your next agenda items, so -- it would be easier for me just to go over -- had that all laid out who replaced who, but if you look at Tab 28 -- I'm not sure I have -- yes, you're all looking at it. Again, I just love these spreadsheets. This kind of a box deal. You'll see the seat numbers and the expiration dates and -- I don't know. If you really want to know which seat, who replaced him, I could try to figure it out here.

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44 MR. COLLINS: No, that's all right.

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46 MR. MATHEWS: I have it somewhere else, Mr. Chairman.

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48 MS. GURTNER-STRICK: David wants to be recognized.

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1 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Oh, okay. Dave.

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3 MR. JAMES: I just want to point out that it's Mr.
4 Deacon.

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6 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Oh, okay. Henry replaces
7 Kenneth.

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9 MR. MATHEWS: See, if you ask you get an answer, so
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12 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: And then Herman Morgan must
13 replace Franklin Simon?

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15 MR. JAMES: Yes.

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17 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Okay.

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19 MR. MATHEWS: I can give you a breakdown on that
20 tomorrow, if you want. I'm not sure you -- we can do it.

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22 MR. COLLINS: Well, I think this page tell who they
23 are, so I don't think we need to know. I just wondered if that
24 that was jinxed with some wrong number or something, we needed
25 change the number or something.

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27 MR. MATHEWS: Oh. No, it's not the 13th seat or
28 anything.

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30 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Well, I guess if there's no
31 questions from the audience there we can recess for the night,
32 if there's no objections. Okay, recess till 8:00 in the
33 morning?

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35 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, it was announced at 8:30
36 the meeting would start.

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38 CHAIRMAN HUNTINGTON: Oh, 8:30, okay. Recess till 8:30
39 the morning.

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41 MR. MATHEWS: Thank you.

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(END OF DAY'S PROCEEDINGS)

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